any request to the Union Government to purchase cashew kernal from Kerala State Cashew Development Corporation for export purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Explosive Units**

4405. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the statewise details of the total number of explosives manufacturing Units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : The state-wise distribution of the explosives manufacturing units (other than fire works manufacturing units) in the country is as follows :-

| State | No. of Units |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 11 |
| Bihar | 5 |
| Haryana | 2 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 1 |
| Karnataka | 2 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 10 |
| Maharashtra | 15 |
| Orissa | 8 |
| Rajasthan | 4 |
| Tamil Nadu | 2 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 5 |
| West Bengal | 1 |
| Total | 66 |

**Securities Scam**

4406. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far and the present status of investigation/enquiries conducted in regard to the Security Scam;

(b) the names of foreign as well as Indian banks reported to have been involved in the Scam;

(c) the quantum of money that has been recovered so far; and

(d) the details of obstacles coming in the way of the recovery?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has reported that so far 70 banks scam related cases have been registered out of which chargesheets have been filed in 33 cases and 18 cases are under various stages of investigation. The remaining cases have been disposed off by recommending department action/action as deemed fit by the concerned bank etc.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they had imposed penalties/withdrew exemption given from maintenance of 10% incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) in respect of 37 banks namely, State Bank of India, State Bank of Patiala, State Bank of Saurashtra, State Bank of Hyderabad, State bank of Mysore, Allahabad Bank, Andhra Bank, Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India, Corporation Bank, Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Punjab National Bank, Syndicate Bank, UCO Bank, Vijaya Bank, Bank of Madura Ltd., Federal Bank Ltd., Karur Vysys Bank Ltd. Lord Krishna Bank., Nedungadi Bank Ltd., Karnataka Bank Ltd., Vysya Bank Ltd., ANZ Grindlays Bank plc., Citi Bank N.A., Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Standard Chartered Bank, bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Banque Indosuez, Deutsche Bank, American Express Bank Ltd., Banque Nationale De Paris, British Bank of the Middle East, ABN Amro Bank N.V. and Oman International Bank S.A.

(c) and (d). As per the information available as on 31.7.1996, total approximate value of properties of notified persons attached under the Special Court (Trial of Offences Relating to Tansactions in Securities) Act, 1992 amounted to Rs. 2674 crores. The properties attached are to be disposed in accordance with the priorities laid down in the said Act by the order of the Special Court. Some of the provisions of the Act including the order of priorities laid down have been challenged in Courts.

*[Translation]*

**Indo-US Alliance Meeting**

4407. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :
SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH :
DR. ASIM BALA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated October 19, 1996 under the caption "Indo-US Alliance extended";

(b) whether India is aiming at capital formation of about 30 per cent of gross domestic product which is higher than the domestic savings rate of about 24 per cent;

(c) whether US ambassador in India has felt that US would like greater Patent protection in India;